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January 26, 1981

The Honorable Alexander Haig
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to clarify a point made in my letter of January 14, 1981 to Secretary Muskie and, based upon that clarification, to request State Department action on behalf of John Sullivan, who has been missing in El Salvador since December 28, 1980.

You will note on page 2 of the January 14 letter (copy attached) a series of numbered questions, the second of which deals with alternatives available to avoid total reliance upon the Salvadoran police in the investigation. I have now learned that one such alternative is to work with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

As you know, a request for assistance from the ICRC must be initiated by a request from the State Department to the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross then brings the request to the international organization, a step which the American Red Cross, in conversations with my staff, has said it would be "pleased" to take.

It is my understanding that members of the ICRC are already in El Salvador inspecting prisons and might be available to assist in the search for John Sullivan. I therefore ask that the State Department initiate action through the American Red Cross to request such assistance from ICRC.

I greatly appreciate your help in this matter
DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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Marge Roukema
Member of Congress

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